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Letter dated 30 August 2018 from the Permanent Representative of Colombia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 30 August 2018 in which the President of the Republic of Colombia, Iván Duque Márquez, requests, on behalf of the Government of Colombia and the People's Alternative Revolutionary Force (FARC), the extension of the mandate of the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia established pursuant to Security Council resolution 2366 (2017) (see annex). I should be grateful if you would transmit the attached letter to the members of the Security Council and have it circulated as a document of the Council.

(Signed) Maria Emma **Mejía**
Ambassador
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I have the honour to refer to the extension of the mandate of the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia, whose function is to verify implementation of sections 3.2 and 3.4 of the Final Agreement for Ending the Conflict and Building a Stable and Lasting Peace, in accordance with section 6.3.3 of the Final Agreement concerning the social, economic and political reintegration of former combatants of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia — People's Army (FARC-EP) and individual and collective security and protection measures for communities and organizations in the various regions of Colombia.

We wish to thank the United Nations for supporting the peacebuilding process in Colombia with a view to ensuing that the provisions of the Peace Agreement are promptly implemented. In accordance with paragraph 9 of resolution 2366 (2017), in which the Security Council "expresses its willingness to work with the Government of Colombia to extend the mandate of the Verification Mission on the basis of agreement between the parties", we, the National Government and the People's Alternative Revolutionary Force (FARC), have agreed to request that the Security Council extend the mandate of the Verification Mission for a further year, effective 27 September 2018.

On behalf of Colombia, I take this opportunity to reiterate to the members of the Security Council, and to the United Nations as a whole, that we are grateful for their ongoing support for the peacebuilding process in our country.

(*Signed*) Iván **Duque Márquez**